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SUBJECT: FRANCO-GERMAN COOPERATION IN FAST BREEDER AND  
HTR FIELDS

REF: STATE 047136

1. EMBASSY CONTACTS EMPHASIZE THAT FRG AND FRANCE  
HAVE NOT RPT NOT SIGNED AN "AGREEMENT" FOR COOPERATION  
IN FBR AND HTR FIELDS. DURING "SUMMIT" MEETING AT  
NICE, GERMAN AND FRENCH MINISTERS MATTHOEFER AND  
D'ORNANO SIGNED A "DECLARATION" ABOUT COOPERATION IN  
PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE  
FRG OFFICIAL CHARACTERIZED THIS AS A "WEAK LETTER OF  
INTENT" INCLUDING COOPERATION IN SUCH FIELDS AS FAST  
BREEDER REACTOR DEVELOPMENT. ACCORDING TO THIS GERMAN  
CONTACT, FRENCH REFUSED TO SIGN A MORE FORMAL AGREE-  
MENT BECAUSE FRENCH NUCLEAR INDUSTRY WAS NOT YET  
ORGANIZED TO NEGOTIATE ONE WHICH WOULD SET UP AN  
APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP INVOLVING SALES OF THEIR  
KNOW-HOW.

2. OUR CONTACTS ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT FRG IS SERIOUSLY  
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INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH US. THEY DENY THAT THE

POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION WITH FRENCH SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE WILL HAVE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US-FRG COOPERATION. IN THEIR VIEW, US AND FRG WILL NEVER BE COMPETITORS IN LMFBR FIELD, BILATERAL COOPERATION THUS PROMISES TO BE EASY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

3. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONSHIPS MENTIONED REFTEL APPEAR TO BE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE LONG TERM BUT NOT IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS.

4. SENIOR OFFICIALS IN BMFT PLAN TO MEET ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12, TO DEVELOP GERMAN POSITION ON THE ONE REMAINING DIFFERENCE IN US-FRG AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN FBR FIELD. ONE CONTACT HINTED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO COMPLETE THIS NEGOTIATION ASAP TO MINIMIZE ANY IMPACT OF PRESENT OR FUTURE FRANCE - FRG COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

5. EMBASSY CONTINUING TO EXPLORE GERMAN VIEWS. WILL REPORT FURTHER ASAP.  
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